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20                   **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
21                   **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
22                   **WESTERN DIVISION (LOS ANGELES)**

23 OCEAN S., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

24 v.

25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, et al.,

Defendants.

26 Case No.: 2:23-cv-06921-JAK-E

27                   **JOINT REPORT ON THE STATUS**  
28                   **OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT**  
INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL

Before: Hon. John A. Kronstadt  
Pretrial Conference: TBD  
Trial Date: TBD

1 Plaintiffs Ocean S., Jackson K., Rosie S., Erykah B., Junior R., Onyx G., and  
2 Monaie T. (“Plaintiffs” or “Plaintiffs-Appellees”) and Defendants Los Angeles  
3 County, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Department of  
4 Mental Health (together, the “County Defendants” or “County Defendants-  
5 Appellants”); the California Health and Human Services Agency (“CalHHS”), and  
6 CalHHS Secretary Kim Johnson, the California Department of Social Services  
7 (“CDSS”), CDSS Director Jennifer Troia, the California Department of Health Care  
8 Services (“DHCS”), and DHCS Director Michelle Baass (together, the “State  
9 Defendants”), by and through their respective counsel, respectfully submit the  
10 following Joint Report on the status of the Ninth Circuit interlocutory appeal.

11 On March 4, 2025, the Ninth Circuit issued a Docketing Notice and Time  
12 Schedule Order with the following briefing schedule:

13 • On May 19, 2025, County Defendants-Appellants’ opening brief is due;  
14 • On June 19, 2025, Plaintiffs-Appellees’ answering brief is due;  
15 • Within 21 days of service of Plaintiffs-Appellees’ answering brief, the County  
16 Defendants-Appellants may file an optional reply brief.

17 (Dkt. 2.1, Ninth Circuit Case No. 25-1354).

18 On March 31, 2025, the Ninth Circuit granted Plaintiffs-Appellees’ opposed  
19 Motion to Expedite in part and denied it in part. The order denied the motion to  
20 expedite the briefing schedule but held that no streamlined extensions of time to file a  
21 brief will be approved. The order granted the request to expedite calendaring and  
22 directed the Ninth Circuit clerk to place the case on the September 2025 calendar.  
23 (Dkt. 13.1, Ninth Circuit Case No. 25-1354).

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1 Respectfully submitted,

2 DATED: May 12, 2025

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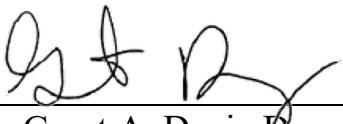
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1                   **ECF SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION**

2                   Pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.3.4(a)(2), I hereby certify that Farbod S. Moridani,  
3 counsel for County Defendants, and Andrew Edelstein, counsel for State Defendants,  
4 concur in this document's content and have provided their authorization to affix their  
5 electronic signatures to this document.

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